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Features

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Awards show industry 'pride' for doing good deeds

Month-long celebration shows public the true face of the industry

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When collision repair shop owner Michael Anderson dressed as the Easter bunny for the local children's hospital, he wasn't expecting to be recognized for his efforts. Dressing as the Easter Bunny and asking other shop owners to donate money so he can buy stuffed bunnies to give to the children is just something he has done for nearly the past 10 years.

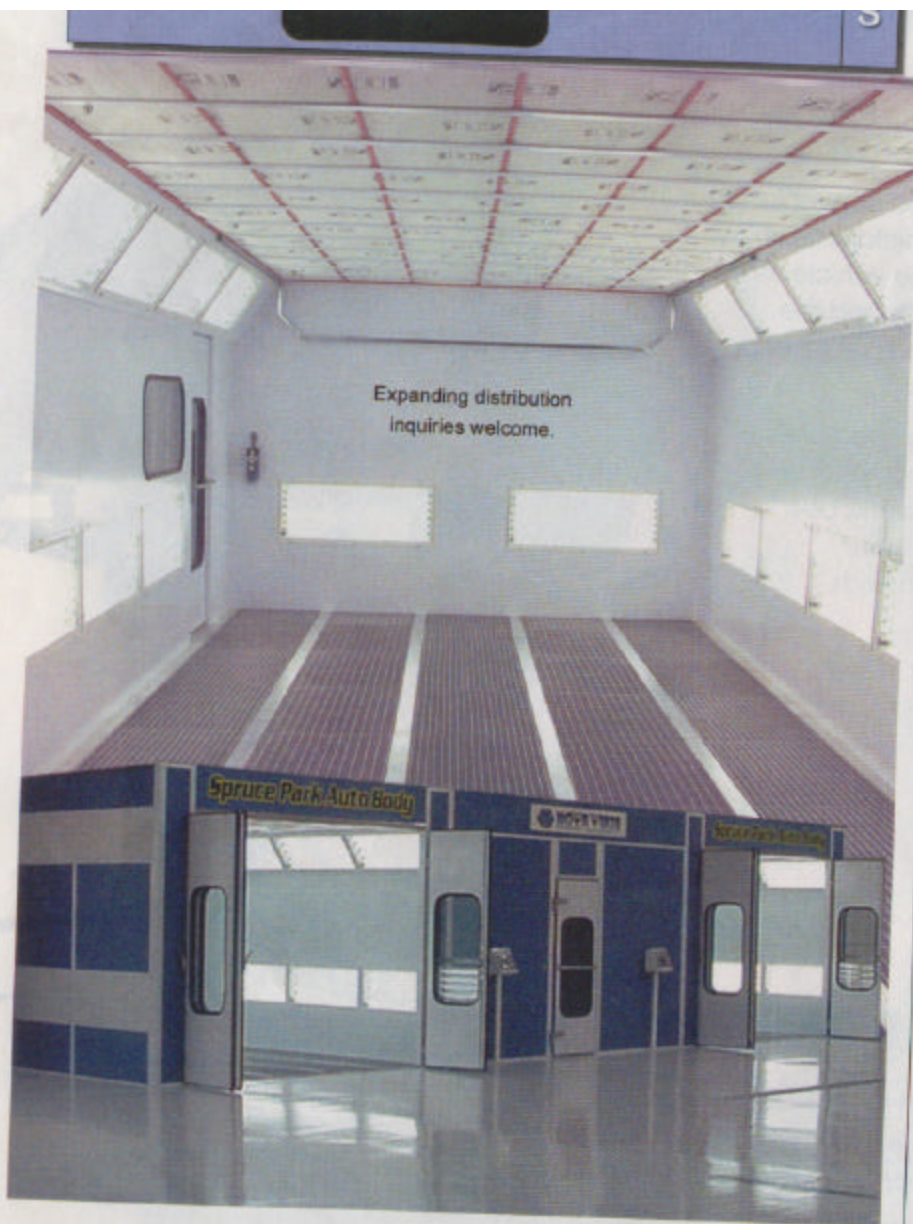
But it's also a deed that many people wouldn't characterize anyone in the collision repair industry doing because of the often negative, stereotypical, pre-conceived notions held about people in the industry—which is why it's particularly important to acknowledge these types of

These awards, which have been given since 1995, are just one facet of the NABC's efforts to improve the collision repair industry's image. For the past several years, the NABC has dubbed October as National Collision Industry Repair Pride month. Shop owners and anyone else within the industry is encouraged to hold open houses, explain how the business works and to sponsor special events to help promote a good name for the industry.

Collision Repair Industry Pride Month and the Pride Awards are an opportunity to showcase the type of people working within the industry. "It's to show that we are an industry of people that cares and gives," says Stacy Bartnik, Collision Repair Industry Pride Award committee chairwoman. "I think it shows what other people are capable of doing when they set their mind to it."

Chuck Sulkala, executive director of the NABC and owner of Acme Body & Paint in Jamaica Plain, Mass., says the people recognized are "simply examples of many hundreds or thousands of people in the industry" working to make a difference. This year Sulkala says he





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good deeds. For these kind efforts, the National Auto Body Council (NABC) presented Anderson with a Collision Repair Industry Pride Award in 2001.

The award is intended to recognize any individual or business from any segment of the collision repair industry "who selflessly contribute time and energy in an attempt to improve the community and world around them...and in doing so, improve the image of the collision

repair industry and the world around them," according to the NABC. The NABC is accepting nominations for the Collision Repair Industry Pride Awards through Oct. 15. Winners

will be announced Nov. 15, and the awards will be presented in December at NACE 2003 in Orlando, Fla. More details about the award and nomination forms are available at www.autobody-council.org.

Anderson says that receiving the award, "Was a nice surprise and an honor. To be recognized by peers in any field is an honorable thing," he says. "But the biggest thing is not that I got recognized, but the overall recognition." He explains further. "The reason I do things is because they are the right thing to do," Anderson says. "But because I got recognized, it might give someone else an incentive. It might spur them to do the same thing. I've been very blessed in my life and have gotten awards, but I hold this one dearest."

to create an awareness of the Collision Repair Industry Pride Award recipients outside of the industry. "I think it's important for the consumers to really get a better understanding of what people in the industry are really like," he says. "Unless they participate in volunteer efforts that these people are involved in, they never understand the true depth this industry is involved in with service to humanity. Every day we provide service to the consumer, but that's our

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business. But they [consumers] don't have any idea of non-business service we give to everybody."

Once this is recognized, it will help improve the industry's image even more, Sulkala says. Although autobody repairers don't yet have the same respect that others in the service trades do, "We're getting there," he says. "I think our image is improving each year, and we want to continue to continue that effort forward."

To view a list of Collision Repair Industry Pride Award winners since 1995, visit the NABC's Web site at www.autobodycouncil.org. You may also nominate someone for the award online or download a form to send in. Nominations are still being accepted. ■